

INVALID PENSIONS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

*Pursuant to House resolution dated October 4, information relating to the number of invalid pensions granted during the year ending September 1, 1893.*

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OCTOBER 10, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, October 9, 1893.

SIR: I am in receipt of House of Representatives resolution of the 4th instant:

That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to furnish for the use of the House of Representatives the following information:

(1) The number of invalid pensions granted during the year ending September 1, 1893, giving the number under the old laws and those under the act of June 27, 1890, separately.

(2) The number of invalid-pension claims rejected during said period, giving the number under said act of 1890 separately.

(3) Also to report the average monthly award to each of said classes of claimants for the said period.

(4) Also the number of claims suspended for said period, giving separately those suspended under the act of 1890.

(5) Said information to be reported separately by months and exclusive of widows' claims, parents' and children's claims, and claims under wars prior to 1861.

In response thereto I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Pensions, to whom the matter was referred for report, setting forth the information desired.

Very respectfully,

HOKE SMITH,  
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
Washington, D. C., October 9, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by your reference dated the 5th instant, of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, under date of October 4, 1893, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to furnish for the use of the House of Representatives the following information:

(1) The number of invalid pensions granted during the year ending September 1, 1893, giving the number under the old laws and those under the act of June 27, 1890, separately.

(2) The number of invalid pension claims rejected during said period, giving the number under said act of 1890 separately.

(3) Also to report the average monthly award to each of said classes of claimants for the said period.

(4) Also the number of claims suspended for said period, giving separately those suspended under the act of 1890.

(5) Said information to be reported separately by months, and exclusive of widows' claims, parents' and children's claims, and claims under wars prior to 1861.

Your reference requires that the report shall be made in duplicate.

In response, I have the honor to submit the following report (in duplicate) thereon:

First: The number of invalid pensions granted from September 1, 1892, to August 31, 1893:

General law.....	9,187
Act June 27, 1890.....	46,057
Total.....	55,244

Second: The number of invalid pension claims rejected from September 1, 1892, to August 31, 1893:

General law.....	8,359
Act June 27, 1890.....	48,343
Total.....	56,702

Third: The average monthly award to each of said classes of claimants from September 1, 1892, to August 31, 1893:

General law.....	\$7.17
Act June 27, 1890.....	9.43

Fourth: The number of invalid claims of the war of the rebellion suspended from September 1, 1892, to August 31, 1893, and by months:

Month.	General law.	Act June 27, 1890.
1892.		
September.....	31	.....
October.....	35	.....
November.....	42	.....
December.....	34	.....
1893.		
January.....	52	.....
February.....	69	.....
March.....	102	.....
April.....	136	.....
May.....	293	12
June.....	404	1,222
July.....	266	3,707
August.....	65	5,841
Total.....	1,589	10,782
Grand total.....		12,371

It is proper to add that, pursuant to the act of March 1, 1893, the pensions of 3,856 persons who are residing outside the jurisdiction of the United States have been suspended since July 1, 1893. Of the 10,782 cases suspended under the act of June 27, 1890, payment has been resumed in 6,072 cases to October 7, 1893.

Very respectfully,

WM. LOCHREN,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. WILLIAM H. SIMS,  
*First Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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